



Veterans' Affairs Committee
Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
Mayor and Council Chambers
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes
Approved: April 13, 2016

1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Ed Torres at 6:00 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Samantha Bivens
Gary Ochoa (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)
Norman Ross
William Burks
Carol Rundell
Phyllis Russell
Terry Byron
Gerald Petersen
Bob Slocum, Vice Chairman
Ed Torres, Chairman
Luke Johnson
Murray Baker
Martin Dresner
Paul Marsh
Dan Ross
Bruce Hamilton

Representing:

American Red Cross
Arizona Department of Veterans Services
Arizona Korean War Veterans Association
DAV Cactus Chapter 2
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary
Esperanza En Escalante
Marine Corps League, Marana Nighthawk
Military Officers Association of America
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Missing in America Project
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Tucson Veterans Cemetery Group
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans

Absent:

David Rafus
C.W. Hall

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4

Staff Members Present:

Donna DeLeon

City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Committee Member M. Baker.

4. Introduction of Guests

Lisette Eckman, member of the Tucson Veterans Day Parade Committee and Ann Hollis of the Veterans' Cemetery Foundation were acknowledged.

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5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from February 10, 2016

It was moved by Committee Member C. Rundell, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 16 to 0 (Committee Members C.W. Hall, and D. Rafus absent/excused) to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the February 10, 2016 meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report

Report was given by Committee Member T. Byron, a handout distributed. It was moved by Committee Member D. Ross, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 16-0, (Committee Members C.W. Hall, and D. Rafus absent/excused) to accept the Financial Report.

7. Consideration / Approval of New Members

There were no nominations.

8. Committee Reports

a. Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

Report was given by Committee Member L. Johnson. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

b. Tucson Veterans Cemetery

Report was given by Committee Member P. Marsh. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

c. Arizona Department of Veterans' Service

Report was given by Committee Member G. Ochoa. Handouts were distributed. No formal action was taken.

9. Four Chaplains Ceremony

Committee Member T. Byron gave a brief update. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

10. Operation Exodus

Committee Member T. Byron gave a brief update. Handouts were distributed and a discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

11. Military Lounge

Discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

12. Discussion of Committee Bylaws

Discussion was held and a handout was distributed. No formal action was taken.

13. Discussion of Participation in Veterans Day Parade

A brief update was given by Lisette Eckman. A handout was distributed. Discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

14. Report on Current Events: For the Good of the Order

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members S. Bivens, B. Slocum, C. Rundell, T. Byron, G. Petersen, B. Hamilton, W. Burks, M. Baker and Chairman E. Torres. Handouts were distributed. No formal action was taken.

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15. Future Agenda Items

- Approval of Fundraising Correspondence
- Discussion of Committee Bylaws
- Discussion of Participation in Veterans Day Parade

16. Salute to Colors

17. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.